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SUBJECT: GOC ANNOUNCES REBEL ATTACK ON FAYA AND WARNS AGAINST
RUMORS AND POISON CAMPAIGNS BY FOREIGNERS.

REF: A) NDJAMENA 0502 (NOTAL), B)0437

1. SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (CSM) ISSUED EVENING FEBRUARY 27
COMMUNIQUE WHICH READ ON RADIO FEBRUARY 28 BY FOREIGN MINISTER
KAMOUGUE AND APPEARED IN INFO TCHAD SAME DAY. THIS FIRST PUBLIC
REPORT OF EVENTS IN FAYA LARGEAU (REFTEL B) STATED THAT IN ORDER
TO LIVE UP TO ITS PRINCIPLE OF ALWAYS TELLING TRUTH TO NATION, CSM
HAD DECIDED TO ISSUE COMMUNIQUE TO PUT AT REST MANY FANTASTIC
RUMORS IN NDJAMENA REGARDING X6-.

2. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT SOME TWO HUNDRED "OUTLAWS" WITH
THE COMPLICITY OF SOME SOLDIERS OF THEIR TRIBE AND OF LOCAL
INHABITANTS, ATTACKED FAYA DURING THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 17-18,
AFTER PREVIOUSLY INVITING MEMBERS OF DONZA AND ANAKAZA TRIBES TO
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QUIT THE TOWN. ATTACK UNSUCCESSFUL, ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, DUE TO

ERGETIC DEFENSE OF FORCES OF ORDER. NINE GOC SOLDIERS KILLED
(ONE ACCIDENTALLY), ONE MISSING AND 17 SOLDIERS AND FOUR CIVILIANS
WOUNDED. OUTLAWS LEFT ON FIELD TWENTY-ONE DEAD AND FLED WITH SEVERAL
ADDITIONAL DEAD AND WOUNDED. SITUATION NOW CALM, WITH SCHOOLS AND
MARKETS OPEN. SOME FAMILIES HAVE BEEN EVACUATED TO NDJAMENA
"IN ORDER PERMIT FORCES OF ORDEPA CLARIFY A SITUATION MADE
COMPLICATED
BY FACT OF COMPLICITIES." FAMILIES WILL BE RETURNED HOME SOON,
HOWEVER. CSM STRESSES ITS DEDICATION TO PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION AND WANTS TO OBTAIN PEACE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS RATHER
THAN BLOODSHED. IN FINAL SENTENCE OF COMMUNIQUE IT IS STATED THAT
"THE CSM CAUTIONS ALSO THOSE FOREIGNERS AND COOPERANTS ESTABLISHED
ON OUR SOIL, WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY GIVEN THEMSELVES OVER TO CAMPAIGNS
OF POISON."

3. COMMENT: SOMEWHAT DISJOINTED LAST SENTENCE OF COMMUNIQUE
APPEARS BE CLEAR INDICATION THAT ONCE AGAIN GOC SEES FOREIGNERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR SPREADING UNDESIRABLE RUMORS. IT MAY WELL ACCOUNT
IN PART FOR GOC ACTIONS REPORTED NDJAMENA 502 (NOTAL) DWYER

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